

MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING
Beaver County Southwest Center
75 West 1175 North, Beaver Utah

Tuesday May 10th, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Barbara Robinson
Ms. Cary Faye

Mr. Arthur Cooper
Ms. Deon Alvey

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff
Ms. Marsha Perkins
Ms. Minnie Pittman

Commissioner Jim Matson
Mr. Craig Hansen

Commissioner James Eardley
Dr. Kent Heideman
Ms. Rebekah Bowman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Sherri Dial
Ms. Jane Lewis
Ms. Brenda McKee

EXCUSED:

Commissioner Leland Pollock
Mr. Wallace Gibson
Commissioner Mark Whitney

REPRESENTING:

Beaver Community Rep. (via teleconference)
Beaver Co. Low Income Rep. (via teleconference)

Garfield Co. Community Rep.
Garfield Co. Low Income Rep.

Iron County Commissioner
Iron County Community Rep.
Iron County Low Income Rep.

Kane Co. Commissioner
Kane County Low Income Rep.

Washington Co. Commissioner
Washington Co. Community Rep.
Washington Co. Low Income Rep.

Five County Association of Governments
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Garfield Co. Commissioner
Kane Co. Community Rep.
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I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Kent Heideman welcomed all in attendance and declared a quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MARCH 8th 2011 MINUTES

Dr. Heideman welcomed a motion to approve the minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON TO APPROVE THE MARCH 8th, 2011 MINUTES, SECONDED BY MR. ART COOPER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

Dr. Heideman turned time over to Ms. Sherri Dial to discuss the new Human Service Council meeting schedule. A request was made to hold fewer Human Service Council meetings each year. The Council is only required to hold four meetings a year. Ms. Dial provided a quarterly schedule created by Dr. Blogget, that meeting be held on the second Tuesday for months of July, October, January, and April. There was also a request to have the meetings in Cedar City and St. George only. Ms. Minnie Pittman expressed concern about if there is going to be enough time in four meetings to accomplish all that is needed regarding Support Services Block Grant (SSBG) and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). It was suggested when there is a need of additional meetings they be held by teleconference. There was a concerned expressed continuing having meetings face to face. It was suggested having the meetings start at 9:00, which will allow more time to discuss the agenda items.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MARSHA PERKINS TO ADOPT THE NEW QUARTERLY SCHEDULE WITH THE JULY MEETINGS STARTING AT 9:00AM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. SSBG & CSBG APPLICATIONS

Dr. Heideman turned the time over to Ms. Jane Lewis to discuss the Support Services Block Grant (SSBG) and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) applications. Five County is now accepting applications for CSBG and SSBG funding. The grant announcement was published in the newspaper and posted on the Five County CAP website at www.fivecountycap.org. The application for this has been revised per suggestions from the State Department of Community and Culture. All agencies are encouraged to apply including new agencies that have never applied in the past. Five County has already received the SSBG award and we are waiting for notification on

CSBG. The applications will be emailed electronically for Council members to review. Funding cycle for SSBG is from July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2012 and the CSBG funding is from October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012. The Needs Priorities List, which the Human Service Council decides on each year, is included in the Five County Association of Governments CSBG Grant application. Ms. Lewis explained that CSBG funding is to eradicate poverty and assist people to move out of poverty. Dr. Heideman reviewed the list of agencies, which have received funding in the past. There was a discussion how CSBG funding was used such as Washington County School District Adult Education, Southwest High School, the funds paid for seventy-five scholarships. Millcreek High School, an alternative high school in Washington County School District, uses their CSBG funding to provide for daycare staff at the onsite daycare to assist young parents to continue their education. Utah Center for Rural Health used their CSBG funding to provide medical and dental care for individuals without health insurance and who are unable to pay for a doctor themselves. Commissioner Jim Matson asked if the agencies are required to provide a budget, which includes where the money is being spent. Ms. Dial responded that all agency providers are required to track expenditures and the application requests a budget summary. Commissioner Matson requested to receive a summary of the budgets of each agency.

V. VITA REVIEW

Ms. Dial passed out a report for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and announced that 2,284 tax returns were filed. Five County Community Action Partnership received a \$33,000 grant for FY 2011 for the VITA program, which is \$5,000 less than last year. Last year a total of \$3.1 million in tax returns was filed and Tax Season 2011, over \$5 million filed. The VITA volunteers receive training and certification from the IRS. Tax Preparers provide information about budgeting and savings programs for families to use their refund as a way to gain financial stability. The Council reviewed a VITA demographic spread sheet for Five County.

VI. POVERTY SIMULATION REPORT

Ms. Lewis stated the Five County Community Action Poverty Simulation was a great success. The Simulation will be aired on the KBYU-TV Channel 11 on May 20, 2011. There were over seventy individuals that attended the Poverty Simulation. Ms. Lewis passed out a copy of the newspaper article, which was published in the paper about the Poverty Simulation. Ms. Minnie Pittman attended the Poverty Simulation and shared her experience. The Community Action Partnership of Utah Annual Conference is scheduled for May 23-24, 2011 in Salt Lake City, Utah, which includes the CAP Simulation.

VII. REVIEW OF PUBLIC FORUMS

Five County Community Action Partnership facilitated a Public Forum in each county during the months of March and April of this year. “Clickers” are used to provide immediate demographics of the audience at the beginning of each forum. Forums have representatives from several key community partner agencies that provide services to low-income individuals and families. The forums provide communities an opportunity to discuss issues of low-income families such as transportation, health care, affordable

housing, employment, youth programs, mental health, and childcare. The public forum report was provided for each Council member to review. Jobs was the number one issue in most of the counties as well as transportation and affordable housing. The public forum is also an opportunity to review changes and concerns since last year.

VIII. NEEDS PRIORITIZING

Dr. Heideman asked the Council to prioritize the needs in the five county area. Commissioner Jim Matson commented that Kane County has an aging population-transition and a change going on as people are aging. All Council members agreed that substance abuse is an issue and there needs to be more substance abuse prevention programs in all the five counties. Commissioner Mark Whitney informed the Council that Beaver County has a huge need for employment. Dr. Heideman asked all members to review last year's priority. Council members brainstormed topics and then prioritized a list of needs: 1) Employment, 2) Education, 3) Substance Abuse Prevention, 4) Case Management/Information & Referral, 5) Housing & Homelessness, 6) Aging Services, 7) Youth Programs, 8) Transportation, and 9) Child Care.

IX. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

During the March 8, 2011 meeting, there was a discussion regarding means tested entitlements and how they may help "level the field" financially for low-income individuals compared to individuals making about \$60,000.00. Ms. Dial has prepared a report for the Council. The report is tabled until the next meeting.

X. OTHER

Ms. Dial gave an update on the budget cuts that will be taking place with CSBG funding. Ms Dial explained this year for FY 2011 CSBG is being cut by 3.9%. At this time, Five County does not know how much CSBG money will be cut in FY 2012, however, could be as much as 50%.

Ms. Dial announced that she will bring the point-in-time count information for the July 12, 2011 meeting.

XI. NEXT MEETING

Dr. Heideman announced the next Human Service Council meeting will be held at 9:00 July 12, 2011 at the Iron County Southwest Center, 245 East 680 South, Cedar City.

XII. ADJOURN

Dr. Heideman welcomed a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MARSHA PERKINS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY MS. MINNIE PITTMAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.